IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the specification as follows:

Delete the paragraph on page 2, line 16 of the specification.

Replace the paragraph on page 2, between lines 24-28 of the specification with the following:

The thermoplastic polymer is preferably a polymer having a weight-average molecular weight from 0.3 to 5 times the critical molecular weight for entanglement, $M_{\rm cr}$, more preferably from 0.5 to 1.5 times $M_{\rm cr}$. This measure ensures that the mechanical properties of the obtained product remain good and still the viscosity of the mixture is within an acceptable range. Some examples of these polymers are recited in claim 6.

Delete the paragraph on page 3, line 8 of the specification.

Delete the paragraph on page 3, line 34 of the specification.